

Amendment No. 1 to HB1173

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1262

House Bill No. 1173*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 27, is amended by deleting the part in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

49-7-2701.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, state public colleges and universities are permitted to establish and operate clinical and dispensary programs in speech pathology, speech therapy and audiology for the purpose of educating students and generating financial support necessary to operate and make necessary improvements to those programs.

(b) It is not the intent of the general assembly for such programs to compete directly with private hearing device retailers by means of advertising or marketing the programs' services to the public. Such clinics and programs are permitted to receive patient referrals, to treat patients wishing to receive services from the college or university and to dispense hearing aids to such patients.

(c) The state public colleges and universities engaged in clinics and dispensing under this section shall report their activities annually to the Tennessee higher education commission. The report shall contain the number of patients served, the number of hearing aids dispensed to patients, the number of patient-contact hours for which students received credit, the number of billed patient hours and the revenues from clinical and dispensing operations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.